

# THE FIGVRE OF FIVE.

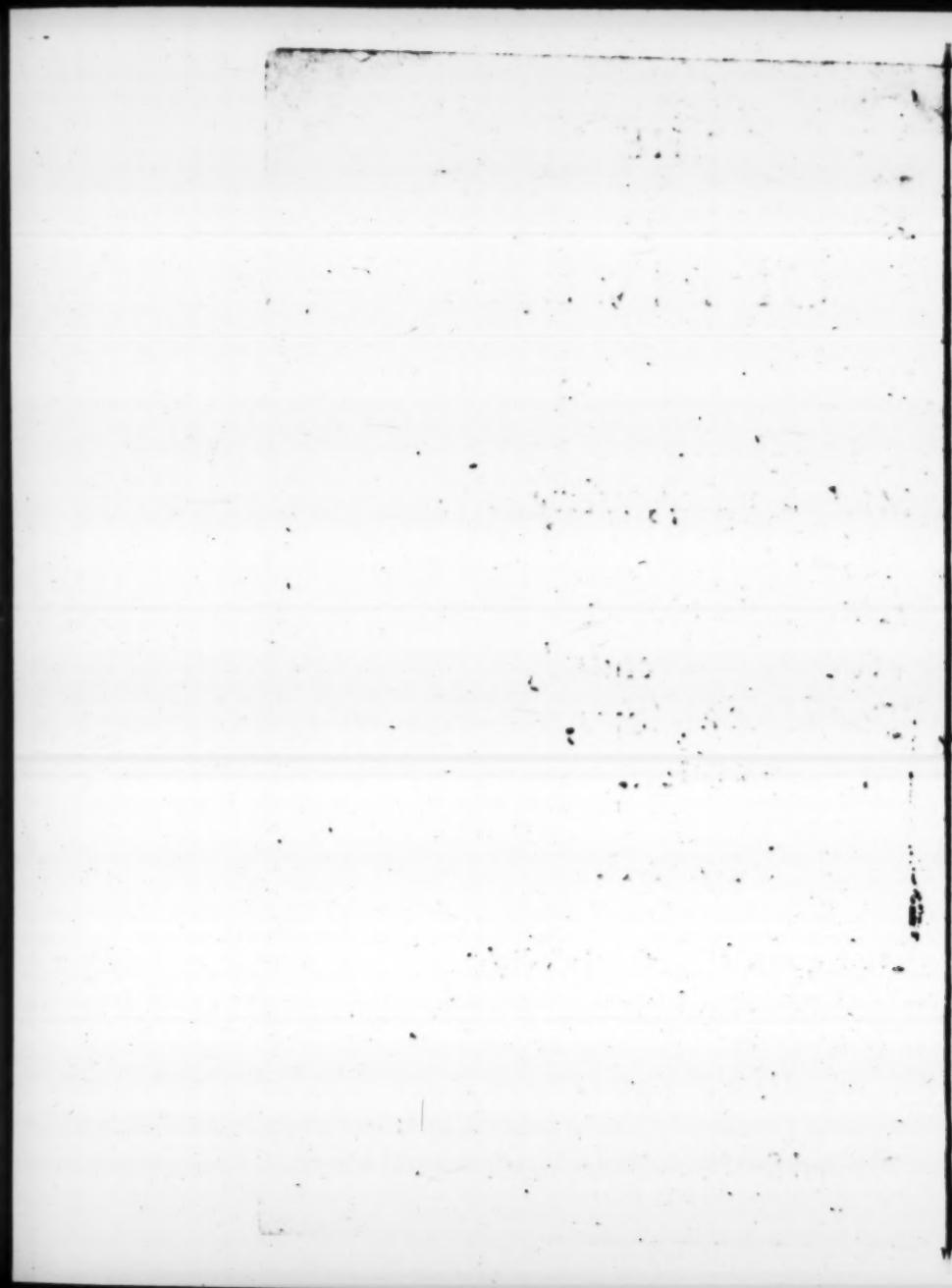
Vnder which figure,  
is exprest,  
Many a pretty, witty  
jest :  
And sollid reason  
therewith blended,  
To please all sorts,  
it is intended.

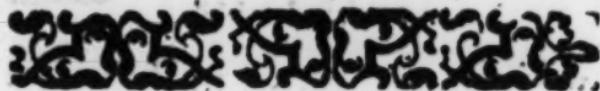
By M. P.

Being the Volume is very  
small.  
Reade it quite through,  
or else leave it all.

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TO  
*The Curious Reader*  
of any qua-  
lity.

**F**igures (courteous readers) as they are of divers kinds, so have they severall significations; by one manner of Figures we are aptly taught to calculate or number the computation of times, as yecres, monthes, weekes, dayes, houres and minutes: to make exact & particular reckning of money, by pounds, shillings, pence halfe pence, and farthings: to observe measures, as barley cornes, inches, feete, cubits, yardes, rods, poles, akers, furlongs, and Miles: to know weights,

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weight, as pounds, half pounds  
quarters, ounces, halfe ounces  
and quarters, penny weights,  
scruples, graines and drams.  
Another sort of figures may  
bee said to be used when the  
curious Artist doth deci-  
phier and proportion the lively  
effigies or shadow of man  
or woman, bird, or beast,  
fowle, or fish, hearbes, plants  
or trees, and any other thing,  
that is exactly done, is rightly  
said to be figured; A third sort  
of figure (and that the chiefe)  
is that manner of covert spea-  
king & writing for ornament  
of language, which is used by  
Poets, Orators, & Rhetorici-  
ans. I cannot punctually say  
which of al these, I come most  
neare vnto, in this my booke;  
but this I darc promise that  
who-

## To the Reader.

whosoever viewes it with a  
judicall survey, though it be  
small in volume, shal find that  
it holds a fit correspondency,  
and harmonicall relation to  
either, the truth of which thou  
shalt find in the perusal. And  
if any demand why I choose  
such subjects to spend time  
upon: I answeare, that whereas  
heretofore there hath the like  
labour beeene spent upon the  
figures of three and foure, I  
thought good to try my A-  
rithmetick, in casting up  
these so many accounts that  
have reference to the figure:  
of five: to conclude, thou shalt  
 finde many pretty conceites  
figured out in lively colours,  
which I hope shall both con-  
tent the eye, eare, and heart of  
the Reader or Hearer, howsoe-

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ver it is now at hap-hazard  
committed to publike cen-  
sure; and is resolved to try the  
adventure of respect, or ne-  
gle&t. the first of these wishing  
to obtaine, I submit to thy  
charitab'e opinion, and rest

Thine now and  
bereafter;

M.P.

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# SECRET THE FIGURE OF FIVE.

## THE FIGURE OF FIVE.

1 Here bee five men chiefly noted in holy Writ : Adam for being the first man, Methusala for being the oldest man, Job for a patient man, Samson for a strong man, and Salomon for a wise man.

2 There be also five men notoriously infamous in the Scriptures: Cain for killing his brother Abel, Cham for discovering his fathers nakednesse, Absolon for rebellion against his Father, Judas, for betraying his Lord, and Pilate for condemning the same Christ.

3 There be five degrees of men under

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under the Sovereigne : the Noble-  
man, Clergy man, and the gentle-  
man, the Husbandman , and the  
Tradesman.

4 There be five orders of Knight-  
hood in England : Knight of the  
Garter, Knight Barronet, Knight  
Banneret, Knight of the Bath, and  
Knight Batcheler.

5 There bee five warme things  
that especially preserve the life of  
man, warme meat, warm clothes,  
warne fire, warne lodging, with  
a Warme bedfellow.

6 There bee five short things  
which most people desire: A short  
sentence, a short grace, a short prai-  
er, a short sermon, and a short sea-  
son of ill weather.

7 There be five sorts of horses,  
the war horse, the hunting horse,  
the cart horse, the coach horse, and  
the hobby horse.

8 There bee five sorts of men  
fearefull to meeete; A Sergeant to a  
banquerout, a Constable in pres-  
sing time to a Coward, a Beadle to

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a vagabond, a hangman to a thefse,  
and a strong thefse to a weaker rich  
Traueller.

9 There be five kindes of men  
that live by cutting : A Cutter of  
stone, a cutter of wood, a cutter of  
Tobacco, a cutter of throates, and  
a cutter of purses.

10 There be five notable qua-  
lities in a Porter : he is a man of  
great understanding, though he be  
no scholler, he is a patient man for  
he beares much, he is a temperate  
man, for hee'll carry much sacke  
without being drunke; he rests oft  
though hee be neither Sargeant,  
Bealife, nor Marshall; and for  
all he does he can shew licence.

11 There be five Hackneys, a  
hackney man, a hackney turnep, a  
hackney Coach, a hackney Horse,  
and a hackney Whore.

12 There bee five manner of  
Wives : that rather cumber than  
comfort their husbands, a whorish  
wife, a scoulding wife, a fluttish  
wife, a lazy wife, and a foolish  
wife.

13 There

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13 There be five famous stiles  
beginning with the letter P. Patri-  
arkes, Prophets, Poets, Philoso-  
phers and Physicians.

14 There bee five things that  
have a fit resemblance to the five  
senses by contrary enterchange,  
the Winde is heard and not scene,  
the Sun is scene and not heard, a  
Louise is felt when shées neither  
heard nor scene. Milke is tasted  
but not smelt, and a fart is smelt  
and not tasted.

15 There bee five that are men  
by profession, though otherwife  
dwarffs: a meale man, a water man,  
a broome man, a mault man, and a  
hangman.

16 There bee five sorts of good  
liquor made in England : Ale,  
Beere, Cyder, Perry, and Metheg-  
lin.

17 There be five kindes of cases,  
a Capcase, a fidle case, a Candie-  
case, combe case, and a Law case.

18 There bee five things almost  
in continual motion: at Ship at sea,  
a flca

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a flea, an aspen leafe, a dogs taile,  
and a womans tongue.

19 There bee five things very  
comfortable to a man, quiet sleepe,  
good wine, cleanly diet, sweete  
muficke, and a patient wife.

20 There bee five necessarie  
quicke things in a house: a mouse-  
ing Cat, a watchfull dog, a wake-  
full Cocke, a fruitfull Hen, and a  
huswifely woman.

21 There bee five most noted  
games at dice : In and in, Passage,  
Hazard, Tray-trip, and Mum-  
chance.

22 There be five vertuous prop-  
erties belonging to a good Wo-  
man : a modest looke, a civill be-  
haviour, a curteous speech, a come-  
ly habit, and (chiefly) a constanc  
loyalty to her husband.

23 There bee five sorts of men  
either of which if a woman match  
withall, shée's unhappy; a whore-  
monger, a common Drunkard, a  
peevish foole, a meddling cotquean  
and a jealous Coxcombe.

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24 There bee five muches, for  
which most men covet: much  
wealth, much honour, much  
strength, much skill, and especial-  
ly much praise.

25 There bee five things com-  
mon to all men for their money: a  
Barbers chaire, a watermans boat,  
an Ale-housebench, a play house,  
and a whores house.

26 There bee five well noted  
prisons within the liberty of Len-  
don: Newgate, Ludgate, old bride-  
well, and the two Counters.

27 There be also five like pri-  
sons in the borough of Southwark:  
the Kings bench, the white Lion,  
the Marshals feas, the Counter, &  
the Clink.

28 There be likewise five pri-  
sons without the freedome: the  
Fleet, the newbridewell, the new  
prison, the round house, and Fins-  
bury Jayle.

29 There be five chiefe officers  
belonging to a Noble personage:  
the Steward, the Gentleman under  
the

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the Gentleman of the Horse, the  
Groome of the Chamber, and the  
Clarke of the kitching.

1 go. There be five inferiour offi-  
cers which cannot bee mist in a  
house of Honour; the Bruer, the  
Baker, the Cooke, the Butler, and  
the Caterer.

31. There be five Tradesmen  
chiefly imployed about building:  
a Carpenter, a Mason, a Brickma-  
ker, a Smith, and a glazier.

32. There bee five things that  
chiefly uphold a common wealth:  
Money, Navigation, warfare, hus-  
bandry, and cloathing.

33. There bee five men odious  
to honest company: a prophane  
swearer, a desperate Quareller,  
an obscene talker, a cheating de-  
coy and a stinking sot.

35. There bee five Women as  
till to bee endured: An arrant  
scould, a drunken fowe, a snuffling  
bawd, a shamelesse whore, and a  
carry tale gossip.

35. There bee five Vices that  
bring

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bring many a man to ruine : Pride,  
Prodigality, Luxury, Drunkennes,  
and gaming.

36 There bee five trades that  
are chiefe agents to pride : Tay-  
lors, Feather-makers, Perfumers,  
Sempsters, and Imbroderers.

37 There be five things which  
a Taylor cannot worke without :  
a pressing yron, a payre of sheeres,  
a measure, a Needlie, and a Thim-  
ble.

38 There be five men that get  
money by other mens brawlings, a  
Lawyer, a Chirurgion, a Souldier,  
a Fencer, and an Aparator.

39 There bee five noted pay-  
ments betwene the halfe penny  
and the pound : a penny, a shilling,  
a crowne, a noble, and a marke.

40 There be five common Masters :  
a Master of defence, a Ma-  
ster of a family, a Master of a ship,  
a Schoole Master, and a Whoore-  
Master.

41 There bee five noted com-  
panions : a boone companion, a

base

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base companion, a lazy companion,  
a saucy companion, and a beggerly  
companion.

43 There be five greastic Com-  
panions : a Butcher, a Cooke, a  
tallow Chaundler, a sope boyler,  
and a Kitchin stiffe wench.

43 There be five monnifillables,  
which containe all the World :  
Mine, thine, his, hers, and theirs.

44 There be five smithes : a gold-  
smith a silver smith, a blacksmith,  
a coppersmith, a Tomsmith.

45 There be five Vshers : An  
Usher to a grammer schoole, an U-  
sher to a fenting schoole, an Usher  
to a dancing schoole, an Usher of  
a Hall, and a gentleman Usher.

46 There be five especiall Ver-  
ties requisite in every Christian  
Constaney in Gods cause, loyality  
towards his Prince, charity to-  
ward the poore, love to al peoples,  
and patience to bēare all crosses.

47 There be fve vices oppo-  
site to those five vertues. To be  
lukewarme in Religion, treacher-  
ous,

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sons against his King, hard hearted  
to the poore, to be in hatred with  
his Neighbours, and to repine at  
Gods chastisements.

48 There bee five chiefe com-  
manders in a Campe, a Lieutenant,  
Generall, the Sergeant Major, the  
Muster-master, and the Captaine.

49 There be also five officers of  
note under a Captaine : the Lieu-  
tenant, the Ensigne, the Sergeant,  
the Corporall, and the Drummer.

50 There be five chiefe officers  
in a ship, the Captaine, the Master,  
the Steward, the purser, and the  
boat-swaine.

51 There be five Tradesmen  
that chiefly thrive by warre, Ar-  
mourers, Gunmakers, pike makers  
Cutlers, and Girdlers.

52 There were five famous Lat-  
ine Poets : Ovid, Virgil, Lucan,  
Propertius, Horace.

53 There were likewise five  
most exquisite players : Alcibi-  
Bacchacius, Mechus, Alexis, Apela-  
les and Zenus.

54 There

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54 There be five extraordinary drunkards and gluttons left in memory to posterity, Bonetis, Darius, Milo, Phagoe, and Tricones.

55 There be five things which makes a good fellow willing to spend his money, an honest host, a good fire, good liquor, good tobacco, and a merry hostesse.

56 There be five sorts of fooles, a naturall foole, a great mans foole, a foole in a play, a foole in a morris dance, and a Lawyers foole.

57 There be five base officers in London, a hangman, a Beadle, a promoter, a catchpoule, and the Beares bagpiper.

58 There bee five sorts of Batchelers: a Batcheler of the Law, a Batcheler of Art, a Batcheler of Divinity, a Knight Batcheler, and one that was never married.

59 There be five sorts of Herrings: fresh herring, pickled herring, blare herring, red herring and Roane herring, the pie wench.

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60 There bee five naturall resemblances berwixt birds and man kind: the Pellican teacheth parents loue to their Children, the stork natural loue to their parents, the Turtle dove correspondency berwixt lovers, the phoenix continency, and the sparrow, inordinate lust.

61 There bee also five Beastes which be fit emblems of wicked men; the hyena, the croeodill, and the fox for treacherous murtherers, the goat for a lecher, and the woolfe for a covetous wretch.

62 There be five things requisite in a well governed comon wealth: the Judges to hate bribery, the Clergy men simony, the Nobles disloyalty, the Gentry malignity, and the commons mutiny.

63 There be five imaginary rivers in hell, Acheron, Avernum, Cocitus, Styx and Phlegiton.

64 There be fiftie men which as the Poets sayne, are particularly tormented in hell, Ixion is said to turne

*The fiftene fiftie*

turne a restlesse whale; Prometheus  
is faigned to have his heart  
gnawed by a Uultur, Siciphas to  
roll a restlesse stone against a hill,  
Oheonus to make ropes, which an  
Asse that stands by, bites in sunder:  
Tantalus stands up to the chin in  
water, and cannot drinke, and bath  
apples, bobbing at his lips, and can-  
not eat any.

63 There bee five sorts of Cuc-  
kolds: a merry Cuckold, a mad  
Cuckold, a melancholly Cuckold,  
a conceited Cuckold, and a conten-  
ted Cuckold.

66 There be five sorts of men  
unworthy to live in a common-  
wealth, hee that hath wealth e-  
nough, and does no good with it:  
he that selis his patrimony to main-  
taine whoores, hee that drinkest all  
day at the Alehouse while his fa-  
mily starves at home, hee that for-  
swares himselfe for a triffe, and  
hee that has a good wife and will  
not use her well.

67 . There be five men pittifull

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to behold a man without honest,  
a man without mercy, a man wi-  
out wit, a man without clothes, an  
a man without money?

68 There be five outs whid  
many man are vext withall, drink-  
out o'th pot, tobacco out o'th pip-  
wit out o'th head, money out o'th  
purse, and wife out o'th bed.

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